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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE NEW CHURCH.

The treasurer of the Building Committee, D. W. Souder, is in constant need of funds to meet the monthly payments on the new building. It will be well for our people now to pay their subscription for the new church just as rapidly as they conveniently can. It will be found that paying in monthly or weekly installments will be much easier than to wait until the whole amount is due, and then make an effort to pay. About the 1st of Sept. the treasurer will make his next monthly payment. Please remember this, and prepare to pay all you possibly can on your subscriptions by that date. We are glad to find that many of the members have already paid a good part of their obligations, and others we are certain will do so shortly.

HE LEADETH ME.

"When He putteth forth His sheep He goeth before them," is a Scripture that has been very precious to me since He put me forth into His work, but it has been more so since my arrival and sojourn in Fort Wayne. More than ever before I have rejoiced in the fact that as we walk in the path of obedience, we are able to see at every step the footprints of our Shepherd before us. We came here from Defiance on our way west back to *dark*, neglected

Tibet—from Toronto, Canada, holding meetings everywhere we might be able to, laying the needs of poor Tibet before the people of God, to the end that means might be collected whereby we, four other Christian workers and myself, might go on to the Mission Station which for some time I occupied—Kumbum, in the Province of Amdo. Having had a very discouraging time in Defiance, as far as the receiving of sums is concerned, we came here, worn and weary, because if the \$1,800 or \$2,000, which are needed were to come by the meagre, meazely collections varying from 30 cents to \$8.00 or \$10.00, one's energy and strength, belonging to and so needed in Tibet, with its 7,000,000 of souls, without a Missionary, would wholly be spent here in the creating of an interest in God's work, in those who ought to be *burning* with zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Missions as being the last and most important of commands ever given by our risen and glorified Lord.

But our glorious Master knew what discouragements had been our part, and how our faith in the consecration of christians was sadly being shaken; and therefore had some nice tokens of HIS care and kindness in store for us.

We knew here not a single person, but as in obedience we went forth, we expected soon to find some—a few, at any rate—who had the Lord's cause at heart. Mr.

McCaughey, the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., kindly helped to make some arrangements whereby we might lay Tibet and its great yearning need before the children of God in some of the churches, and we received a hearty welcome from him upon our arrival in Fort Wayne on Saturday, July 21st. On the Sunday following, we spoke to the congregation of the Chirst's Lutheran Church. Pastor Nelson shared with Tibet the regular church collection, but as the attendance was comparatively small, the collection was not large. In the afternoon we spoke to men in the Y. M. C. A., and although the attendance there was about 150 people, the collection amounted to over \$7.00. But Sunday evening always being the crowning work of the day, we were delighted in the anticipation of speaking to some 600 or 800 people, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pastor Leeper, who courteously had upon our request given us his pulpit for that night. It was really a good service, a large church filled with people, who had come to see the stereopticon views that had been announced, were then told of the privileges they had in this land of ours to accept and serve Jesus, as compared to needy, dark Tibet. That night \$5.00 was added to our funds, which Mr. Leeper kindly gave us in aid of our work, being the net receipts of the collection. Our Master was very kind though, because there I met a man who, driven by curiosity to see that "Missionary" ultimately became from a careless, godless man, a child of the living God, and now has united with his mother and boy to the Grace Reformed Church, of which Mr. Zartman is pastor.

I will not speak of the many tokens of kind interest I received from many of God's dear people after Dear Brother Eldridge, Pastor of the Wayne Street Methodist Church had been led by the Spirit of God to take an interest in us, weak and dependant as we are, and instead of making our

beds in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, which we had done three of the four nights we were then here, kind invitations came from every hand asking us to come and take a meal here—or stay and sleep there. Our Dear Brother McCaughey had entertained us one night, when the arrival of relatives prevented him from carrying on his kindness to the pilgrims, and this led to our making use of the rooms, to save the quarters and dollars for Tibet.

During the afternoons the Lord was pleased to use us in the opening of the Scriptures in hours for Bible study, and to judge from the testimonies heard since, many of God's children were blessed. But the following Sunday night was one I will remember a long time. I had been announced for that night in the Wayne Street Methodist Church, when by request I related the simple story of God's dealings with me, though the weakest of his saints, regarding my going out to my mission field the first time; how lack of means led me to start on foot, preaching the Gospel in many places I passed through. I told of the weary 1,200 miles I walked, from Toronto, Canada, to Kansas City, Kansas, and how the Lord kindly sent me there the needed funds, to go by rail to the Pacific coast. God's spirit touched the hearts and the tears of many then proved more than emotional, when after an eloquent appeal by Mr. Eldridge, the collection baskets contained over \$60.00. But I want to relate some points in which personal consecration to our Lord will come out. While holding these hours for Bible study in the Y. M. C. A., on Friday, July 4th, a lady came to me handing me a letter, which read as follows: "Herewith I send you \$10.00 in aid of the Lord's work in Tibet; please take it and give the Gospel to these poor benighted ones there. It is ALL I have, and I have lived on *bread and water* many days so as to be able to get it together." This is an example of consecration, and it

did my heart good to see that not the *whole* church had said, "I am increased in goods, I sit at ease, and have need of nothing," but that there were still children of God whose all was the Lord's. On the Monday following the Sunday described above, I went to Bluffton to fulfill engagements there made, but was asked to return here for some time, and arrangements were made for services in the Berry Street Methodist Church. I came, and those who read these lines know how we worked among you. God gave us souls for our hire, saved some, blessed others, and Tibet—what about Tibet? Tibet was remembered in prayer and some small contributions came in but not the amount which was needed—and nothing in comparison with what might be done by the consecrated efforts of such a strong and wealthy band of christians as that of our city.

But once more the Sunday came and as on the previous Sunday, Mr. Zartman kindly gave me his pulpit in the morning, a large collection, taking the congregation into consideration, was added to the funds for sending our band out. But I was greatly blessed to find that my talks, untheological though they may seem or be, were used to save some souls; and Monday another came with beaming face, saying that last Thursday after the service in Grace Reformed Church, she had at home accepted our Lord and thus become a member of His body, which is the church. Praise be unto Him who is worthy to receive it. On Sunday night, August 12th, a mass meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church, where after an appeal by our dear Brother of the Wayne Street Methodist Church, a collection of \$50.00 in cash and nearly \$70.00 in pledges, to be paid in two and five months from that date, and one in June, 1895, was taken up. We were very much delighted with this addition to the Lord's cash account for Tibet, but it was far from that which is needed. But the Lord

touched the heart of a dear child of His, who the following day came to the Y. M. C. A., and said: "Mr. Rijnhart, here I have a little that I had saved for an emergency, but I trust that the Lord will take care of me, so that I won't have need of this money. I will put it in His bank, because I think it is better with Him in His work than in the bank here." As she said this, she handed me a roll of bills amounting to \$200.00. How kind and gentle our Lord will be to that dear soul. But what made this donation of such importance was the fact that just before it came, Mr. McCaughey and myself were speaking of the traveling expenses yet needed, which I just had said to be \$200.00, when the amount mentioned was brought.

It may be well to mention here that apart from traveling expenses, there will be the expenses of settling and living for five or six months there before a supply can reach us from the home land; yea, perhaps longer than that. Therefore, we are now prayerfully waiting for the supply of about \$800.00 for support, as the other is for traveling expenses of myself and the party. This support includes the erecting of a Chapel and small hospital, getting things in working order to take hold of the neglected young children of Tibet. We ask the prayers of all of God's people in this respect, that God may by means of you—or some of you—send that which is needed to carry the light of the Gospel into dark, neglected Tibet.

Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted,
The Lamp of Life deny?

Therefore, let us be up and doing, bearing in mind that we are stewards of the Gospel; and that it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful, and that this is day of good tidings and if we tarry until the morning light, some mischief WILL come upon us. Let us therefore go and preach the Gospel, and if we can't go let us do as our Divine Master commands, that is *send others out* into those needy parts of the world, where the name so sweet to our ears is a meaningless sound. Yea, where it never has been heard.

While yet tarrying with you, I am your servant for Jesus' sake, commending you to our Father in the name of Jesus.

Remaining yours for Tibet,

PETER RIJNHART.

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J. W. FOUCHT, of Dayton, O., brother-in-law of the pastor, recently spent a night at the parsonage. He speaks very highly of our new church. We are glad for such congratulations.

READ the article in this issue of the VISITOR on "Subscriptions to the New Church" very carefully, and please comply with its suggestions at once, as far as you conveniently can.

MR. RIJNHART'S Bible readings and talks at our church have been very interesting, and we trust very profitable to our people. He has the sympathy and prayers of the members of Grace Church in behalf of his great work. The VISITOR will occasionally, we trust, be able to give some account of his work.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

We are now preparing to celebrate children's day. The time appointed is Sabbath, September 23rd. We hope to make the exercises the very best, and the decorations the most elaborate. The offerings will go to the Sunday School building fund for the new church, and we want to join hands and make this the largest collection we have ever raised on children's day. We are already anxious to know which class

will have the largest amount. Save up your coins. Let the coming three weeks be weeks of rigid self-denial. Save your street car fare, all your candy, chewing-gum, and tobacco money and give it to the Lord on that day. This will swell your offerings immensely. We should have no difficulty in raising seventy-five dollars or even more, on that day.

GONE TO REST.

GEORGE, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Springer, died July 16th, aged 9 months and 11 days. The child took sick very suddenly and after an illness of only a few days the Lord took the little one unto himself. The funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 18th. May the Lord comfort the hearts of these young parents in the death of their first born.

FRANK HUHNS, residing on Lillie Street, died August 7th, aged 48 years, 9 months and 6 days. Mr. Huhn was born in Baden, Germany, November 13th, 1846, and came to the United States at the age of 5 years. At the time of our civil war he enlisted in Company C., 20th Regiment of Massachusetts. He served three years in the army, the full term of his enlistment. He came to Fort Wayne in 1868. In 1875 he was married to Mrs. Caroline Richards, who survives to mourn his death. He was a member of Sion S. Bass Post, G. A. R. His comrades speak of him as having been a good soldier and highly respected by the "Boys." The funeral services were conducted by the pastor at the First Baptist Church, Friday afternoon, August 10th. One by one our citizen soldiers are answering the final roll call, and we trust are joining the ranks of the Grand Army of the Redeemed.

MRS. WILLIAM S. CRAMP, residing at 86 East Washington Street, after a protracted illness of many months, departed this life Monday night, August 6th. This

illness was not only protracted but was also attended with great suffering and anxiety to herself and her friends. Long ago death would have been a welcome messenger to this Sister, as she frequently expressed herself, but he tarried until the Lord's time. During her illness she manifested a remarkable spirit of patience and of humble resignation unto the will of the Lord. While she often longed for the day of deliverance to draw nigh when she might be at rest forever, she was without uncomplaining, and committed herself cheerfully into the hands of God, with the comforting assurance that all was well. The sufferings through which she passed will never be fully known to us in this life, for it is evident that they were far greater than she was even willing to express in words. In disposition she was always kind and sympathetic—and so in her sickness she would bear and forbear rather than sorrow and burden the hearts of her friends with her sufferings. In her death her friends and large circle of acquaintances have lost one of their most sympathetic and solicitous friends. I speak but from personal knowledge when I say she always had a kind word, and a heart of sympathy for any and all of her friends when they were in sickness or in sorrow. Her solicitude was unbounded, and her kindness freely extended to all. The surviving sister and her family have sustained in her death, a loss which cannot well be repaired. The interest of these sisters and their affection for one another have been inseparable. Death has now drawn a line of separation, but it is not a separation in love; neither is it a separation for all time. The future holds in promise for God's children a day of reunion. No one, however, has sustained so great a loss as the husband. She was a devoted wife and an affectionate companion, as in turn the husband was the complete counterpart. Though in much affliction, the brief marriage life was exem-

plary in mutual sympathy, kindness and devotion, and in much happiness. Mrs. Cramp had but one solicitude for life, and that was for the friends she would leave behind. But we could scarcely say that the sacred bond of friendship and of conjugal love is broken, for in Heaven we shall know each other again as we were known here. Death is but a separation to God's children for a brief season. They shall again come to the full realization of each other's companionship and love, in the home above.

Mrs. Cramp, daughter of the late Jacob C., and Delilah Bowser, was born at Lancaster, Fairfield County, O. When but a child she came to this city with her parents, where she resided at the time of her death. October 12th, 1892, she was united in marriage to William S. Cramp, of this city. While this marriage union was but of brief duration, it was happy in mutual sympathy, cheer and kindness.

In her father's family there were born three sons and two daughters. Father and mother, the three sons and this daughter, have passed on to that great future. Mrs. J. W. Pearse, of this city, is the only surviving member of the family. Two years ago August 5th, the mother passed away to her reward. April last, a little grandson, Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pearse, was called away. The Lord's way with this family has been in great afflictions, many sorrows, and sore bereavements. But He is able to deliver His people from all their sorrows and shelter them in the day of calamity. And so our God has been a rock of refuge to these friends in all their sorrows, and He will keep them to the end, until the joyful day of reunion in the home above. The funeral services were held at the home, on Friday afternoon, August 10th, after which the body was laid away to rest, in the family lot in Lindenwood, where it shall sleep until the resurrection morn.

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SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD.

July 1.	Attendance 104.	Collection \$3.75
July 8.	" 138.	" 4.31
July 15.	" 142.	" 3.52
July 22.	" 140.	" 3.44
July 29.	" 110.	" 3.95
Total	- - - - -	\$18.97

July 1. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount \$1.50.

July 8. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount 78c.

July 15. Infant class gave the largest collection; amount 76c.

July 22. Infant class gave the largest collection; amount 93c.

July 29. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount 94c.

Birthday collections 99c.

New scholars enrolled during month, 23.

WE will observe Children's Day Sabbath, September 23rd. The offerings will go to pay for a window, for the Sabbath School, in the new church.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The work on the church building is still progressing. The slaters are now at work, and by the middle of September the church will be under roof. The towers are already completed and are very much admired by every one. They are not so high, but are in good proportion with the building. In a very short time the carpenters will begin work on the inside, constructing the ceilings, and getting ready for the plasterers. The contractors hope to have the plastering done before the cold weather will set in, and enclose the building and

complete the inside work during the winter months. Designs and bids for the glass will be received September 4. The glass will, however, not be placed into the windows until late in the winter. Members and friends of the church wishing to donate windows, should report to the pastor at once. We are very glad indeed that the work on the building is progressing so rapidly, and that every person is so well pleased with the church. We are especially glad also to find that our contractors are taking such great pains in seeing that everything is done just right.

THE FURNITURE FOR THE NEW CHURCH.

We are anxious to know how many of our people have been interesting themselves in securing friends of theirs to furnish pews for the new church. We are confident we are here giving an opportunity for every member of Grace Church to do something in the way of soliciting for the church. Every family will have some friends in the city or abroad, who may be induced to furnish one or more pews. The pews will range in prices from \$10.00 to \$15.00. We are glad to say that we have already received the names of several of our friends of the church who have freely consented to furnish pews. In our next issue of the VISITOR we shall open a column in which the names of all the donors of pews, or other pieces of furniture, will be given. We have no doubt there are many of our friends abroad, who will be glad to help us in our enterprise, and will cheerfully give us ten or fifteen dollars, to place a pew in the church, bearing on it a plate with the inscription of the donor's name. Any of these friends receiving copies of the VISITOR will they kindly take the hint and send us their names, the money will not be needed until the 1st of January. Send us your names.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month. 2:30 P. M.

THE Ladies' Missionary Tea held at the home of Miss Libbie Felker, in July, was a very pleasant social meeting. Quite a number of the ladies were in attendance, and the afternoon was spent in sewing, and talking—of course. Miss Felker and Mrs. Speigel, her sister, with whom she is making her home, are both very pleasant ladies, and know how to entertain their company.

THE ladies of the church will serve lunches on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3d. In their lunch rooms, which will be some where on Calhoun Street, they will have a supply of Sandwiches, Apple Pies, and Coffee. The ladies will report to Mrs. Miller at once, stating how many sandwiches and pies they will furnish, and who will assist on Labor Day in serving these lunches.

MR. KIRKHAM'S have moved from Harrison Street, to West Main Street. Mr. Kirkham has so far recovered from his attack of sickness that he is again able to be out to our services.

F. D. PAULUS has bought property on East Jefferson Street, between Clinton and Barr Streets. They will occupy their new home in a very short time. We are glad to get them so near to the church.

REV. DR. HALE, of Dayton, O., who was present at our corner-stone laying in June, was in the city upon the occasion of the Orphan's Home anniversary. He called to see the new church, and after looking upon it, outside and inside, he went away rejoicing. He could not speak too highly of its beauty. The Dr. is well, and happy as always.

MRS. WILLIAM KETLER, and her son Emil, recently made an over-land trip to Van Wert, Ohio, and spent a few days with some friends residing in that city.

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A book of household helps and culinary directions, under the above title, will be issued within a few months, under the management of Mrs. A. K. Zartman. It is the purpose of Mrs. Zartman to secure in this work the co-operation of the ladies of the Reformed Church, throughout our different classis and synods, requesting them to forward to her such recipes and household hints as have been well tried and proved. Recipes and helps are solicited for every department of house-keeping and cookery. The book will also contain numerous reliable advertisements that will be helpful to the home and the culinary art.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

August 26. The Joy of the Christian Life. John 15: 1-11. Etta Souder.

Sept. 2. Worldliness in the church; the church in the world. John 2: 13-17; 17: 11-17. Willie Rudisil.

Sept. 9. The alternatives. John 3: 16:21, 31, 36. Nellie French.

Sept. 16. Human longings and their satisfaction. Isa. 55: 1-13. Martin Connett.

Sept. 23. How bodies affect souls. Dan. 1: 8-17. (A temperance topic.) Willis Souder.

Sept. 30. Consecration, what it is; what it does. Rom. 12: 1-21. Josie Zartman.

IT is probable that sometime in the month of September the Christian Endeavor Societies of St. Joseph Classis will hold a convention. The committee appointed by classis at its last annual meeting to arrange for such a convention is at work, and will shortly prepare the programme, and issue the call for the convention.

OUR friend, N. V. Hoover, of Plymouth, Ind., and one of the devoted members and elders of the Plymouth Mission, called to see the new church some days ago. He was so well pleased with the new church and our work, that he said he should like to have some stock in the church. He gave us his order for a \$10 pew. We hope to find many more such friends in the church. Bro. Hoover may possibly, before long, make Fort Wayne his home. We are certain that if he should do so, he and his family would find a warm welcome in Grace Church.

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